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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A TRENCH
ISOLATION STRUCTURE

Examiner: B. Smith

NON-FINAL AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 9, 2006 for which a response was due November 9, 2006. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the reply to December 11, 2006 (December 9 and 10 being a weekend). Therefore, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.